

**REMARKS**

By this Amendment claims 1 and 3 have been amended and claims 4-6 have been canceled. Claims 1-3 are pending in the present application.

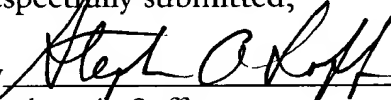
Applicant hereby affirms that the election of claims 1-3 without traverse.

Claim 1 has been amended to change "first reactions space" to --first reaction space-- and the word "a" has been added to provide a proper antecedent basis for the term "steam reformed product gas."

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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